

# FRESHMAN HANDBOOK

1951 - 1952



Written for Students by Students

KNOX COLLEGE Galesburg, Illinois It won't be long now . . . .

Soon you'll be at 'Old Siwash,' too. As you step onto the campus, you'll be more than welcomed by 'the Knox family.' As part of that family, we're looking forward to meeting you.

Don't worry about how you will get to know all of us—we'll take care of that. Our college community may be small in size, but it's big-hearted. To have 115 successful years behind it, Knox *must* have 'that certain something.'

As you read these pages, we hope your thoughts of Knox and college life will assume new meanings. That's right—it won't be long now, before you will be sharing with each of us, the wonderful things that 'Old Siwash' has to offer.



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#### KNOX'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Student Council is the governing and legislative board of the student body. It serves as intermediary between the student body and the faculty. It has legislative power over campus activities and acts as a judicial body in questions of general campus interest. It supervises student elections, regulates social affairs with the Social Committee of the faculty, manages the Pumphandle, Homecoming, and Flunk Day, and is, in short, a vital, important force on the Knox campus.

The Council is composed of one member from each fraternity and sorority and three from the independents. To lead the Council, there is a Student Cabinet, made up of the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, each of whom is elected by the entire student body.

Meetings of the Council are open to all of the students. If you have any suggestions to offer, or want to serve on student committees, you are at liberty to do so.

Remember, the Student Council belongs to you, and will be as effective as you make it.

President, Howard Cowper.

#### HONOR SYSTEM

The students are on their honor at Knox. This means that everyone is expected to do his own work on quizzes, examinations, and papers.

This system places the main responsibility for violations and resultant disciplinary measures in the hands of the Honor Board composed of three seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores selected by the Student Council. This Board will make recommendations for disciplinary measures to be put into effect by the Faculty Disciplinary committee.

It is only with your help and co-operation that this system will continue to succeed.

#### FRESHMEN ORIENTATION



Don't think for a minute that you aren't known yet at Knox! With all the counselors assigned to the freshmen, half the campus knows of you before you even set foot in Galesburg!

For example: The Academic Counselors are faculty members chosen to guide the freshman through his orientation program and to aid him in setting up his academic schedule. This faculty member will also help, through the discussion of study habits and personal habits, to meet the problems that arise in normal college and personal life. Any problems which could be more expediently handled by an experienced counselor will be referred to the Counseling Center. The Academic Counselor will hold group meetings during the first quarter and also hold personal conferences periodically throughout the first year.

The Student Advisers will also aid the freshmen during orientation, be present at group meetings during that period, and hold several group meetings with freshmen as the quarter progresses. Each Student Adviser will welcome individual conferences with the students in his group, but will refer the more complex problems to the Counseling Center. The Student Advisers will work in co-operation with the faculty Academic Counselors at all times.

The College Counselor, Dr. Joseph Norton, will confer with students who have problems which have been referred to him by the Academic Counselors or the Student Advisers. He will help with academic, personal, or vocational problems. The College Counselor will also give assistance to students on any of the above mentioned problems without the reference of other counselors.

The Women Student Advisers will work primarily with the women in the residence halls. Each adviser will work with a faculty counselor in order that their work may be co-ordinated.

Five of the women student advisers will live on the third floor of Whiting Hall in rooms 66, 78, and 90, in order that they may stay in close contact with the freshman women. They will answer any questions, do individual counseling, and hold group meetings to discuss dorm problems, besides helping the students in any other ways possible.

So you see, from the very first, Knox College is quite aware of the fact that each one of you is on campus, and will try to make your stay a happy one.

Schedule of Events ..

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1951

- 12:00 Noon Dormitories open to all new students.
- 6:00 P. M. Buffet supper; all dormitory boarders-Whiting Hall.
- 7:30 P. M. Opening convocation for ALL new students-Knox Theatre.
- 8:00 P. M. Meeting of new students with student counselors-Rooms to be announced.
- 9:00 P. M. Dormitory meetings; Women-Whiting Hall; Men-Seymour Hall.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1951

- 7:05 A. M. First breakfast-Whiting Hall.
- 7:15 A. M. First breakfast-Seymour Hall.
- 8:00 A. M. English examination-Women's Gymnasium.
- 12:15 P. M. Lunch: ALL new students-Men at Seymour Hall; Women at Whiting Hall.
- 1:30 P. M. Foreign language examination-Women's Gymnasium.
- 2:45 P. M. Academic Aptitude test-Women's Gymnasium.
- 4:30 P. M. First buses leave for picnic.
- 5:30 P. M. Picnic at Lake Storey: ALL new students.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1951

- 9:00 A. M. Breakfast with representatives from Galesburg churches: ALL new students—Seymour Hall.
- 11:00 A. M. Church Services at church of your preference.
- 1:00 P. M. Dinner-Seymour and Whiting Halls.
- 6:00 P. M. Buffet supper for all dormitory boarders-Seymour Hall.
- 7:30 P. M. Movie, "The 39 Steps": ALL new students-Knox Theatre.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1951

8:00 A. M. General culture examination-Women's Gymnasium.

- 9 A. M.-12:00 Noon Payment of fees for new students who have previously taken General Culture Examination.
- 12:15 P. M. Lunch; ALL new students: Men-Seymour; Women-Whiting.
- 1:30 P. M. Knox Achievement Test-Women's Gymnasium.
- 1:00-5:00 P. M. Payment of fees by new students.
- 2:00-4:00 P. M. Registration at Library.
- 8:00 P. M. Stunt Night; ALL new students-Women's Gymnasium.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1951

- 7:00 P. M. Meeting of ALL new students-Theatre.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1951

- 9:30-12:00 Noon Group conferences for all freshman students with Academic Counselors.
- 1:30-3:30 P. M. Individual conferences with Academic Counselors for selection of courses.
- 4:00 P. M. Group meetings with student counselors-Rooms to be announced.
- 8:00 P. M. "At Home" with the Academic Counselors-All freshmen.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1951

- 8:00-12:00 Noon Individual conferences with Academic Counselors for selection of courses.
- 12:15 P. M. YWCA luncheon for ALL new women students—Whiting Hall.
- 1:30-5:00 P. M. Individual conferences with Academic Counselors for selection of courses.
- 8:30 P. M. Pumphandle.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1951

- 8:00-12:00 Noon Individual conferences with Academic Counselors for selection of courses.
- 1:00-5:00 P. M. Upperclassmen enroll in courses-Old Main.
- 7:00 P. M. Sports and Game Night at Memorial Gymnasium—ALL new students.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1951

8:00-12:00 Noon Freshmen enroll in courses—Old Main. 12:00 Noon Deadline for payment of fees without penalty. 2:00 P. M. Football; Knox vs. Simpson—Indianola, Iowa. 9:00 P. M. Freshman Open House—Seymour Hall.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1951

8:00 A. M. Classes begin.

## KNOX GAME SCHEDULES

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#### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1951

Sept. 22	SIMPSON	Indianola, Iowa
Sept. 29	CARLETON	Galesburg, Ill.
Oct. 6	LAWRENCE	Appleton, Wis.
Oct. 13	WABASH	Galesburg, Ill.
Oct. 20	RIPON (HOMECOMING)	Galesburg, Ill.
Oct. 27	Open	
Nov. 3	COE	
Nov. 10	CORNELL (DAD'S DAY)	Galesburg, Ill.
Nov. 17	MONMOUTH	

#### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1951 - 1952

Wednesday, November 28 Saturday, December 1 Friday, December 7 Saturday, December 8 Saturday, December 15	Augustana Upper Iowa University Lawrence Ripon University of Dubuque	Galesburg Appleton Ripon
Friday, December 28 Saturday, December 29	Holiday Basketball Tournament.	
Saturday, January 12 Wednesday, January 16 Saturday, January 19	Illinois Tech Monmouth Coe	Monmouth Galesburg
Saturday, January 26 Saturday, February 2 Tuesday, February 5	Grinnell Cornell Augustana	Galesburg Rock Island
Friday, February 8 Saturday, February 9	Lawrence University of Chicago	Galesburg Galesburg
Saturday, February 16 Wednesday, February 20 Friday, February 22 Saturday, February 23 Saturday, March 1	Grinnell Monmouth Illinois Tech. University of Chicago Carleton	Galesburg Chicago

Midwest Conference Swimming and Wrestling Meets — Knox Memorial Gymnasium—Friday, February 29 and Saturday, March 1, 1952

Extracurricular Activities

## • PUBLICATIONS

The Board of Publications is composed of four faculty members and four student members, elected each year. It selects the editors and business managers for the KNOX STUDENT and THE GALE. These posts are among the most coveted on the campus, since it is possible for the occupant of each to earn a full tuition.

#### THE KNOX STUDENT

The Knox Student is our weekly newspaper which reports the activities of the campus. Censored only by editorial judgment and good taste, it sharply reflects student temper and opinions at all times, in addition to furnishing complete coverage of newsworthy campus activities. If you would like to try your hand at reporting, typing, proofreading, or soliciting ads, there may be a place for you. Tryouts for the staff are held at the beginning of the school year after which the editor chooses the regular staff members, solely on the basis of merit and work done. Watch for the notice about tryouts.

Editor, Nancy Roman. Business Manager, Rosemary Marshall Kowalski.

#### THE GALE

The Gale, or college annual, is a pictorial history of the school year at Knox. You may be interested in knowing the jobs that are available and how to procure them. If you can write, type, proofread, or edit, there is a place for you on the staff. The editor asks for those students who are interested to sign up at the beginning of the fall quarter, so let her know your qualifications. Perhaps you would rather be on the business staff. If you can add, solicit ads, or keep books, there is a place for you on this staff.

Editor, Eleanor Nichols. Business Manager, Dale Hibst.

#### THE SIWASHER

The Siwasher is the campus literary magazine, published once each quarter. It contains short stories, articles, poetry, sketches, paintings, and other outcroppings of literary and artistic endeavor, all stemming from the student body itself. Your contributions are earnestly solicited. See the editorial board and tell them that you would like to contribute; they can probably use you, and will be unscrupulous enough to do so.

## ATHLETICS

Knox competes with members of the Midwest Conference and other nearby colleges in football, basketball, track, baseball, swimming, tennis, and golf. The College also has rifle teams for those who are interested in competition of this type.

There is an extensive program of interfraternity athletics, including volleyball, basketball, table tennis, swimming, golf, tennis, cross country, bowling and softball. Nonfraternity men are eligible for the Indees' teams. Watch for announcements.

Due to a recent decision by the Midwest Conference officials, there will be no freshman rule in the conference this year. This ruling allows freshmen and new students to play on varsity teams.

Director, Professor Trevor.

#### KNOX ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

All students are automatically members of the Athletic Association, and as such are admitted to athletic contests held on the college grounds upon presentation of their student activity tickets, distributed at the beginning of every quarter.

#### THE K COUNCIL

The K Council is an organization of all men in the College who have at anytime won a letter in athletics. Normally, this group has a membership of about forty-five.

#### WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Women's Athletic Association, a member club of the Athletic Federation of College Women, the U. S. Field Hockey Association, and the National Archery Association, promotes interest and active participation in a varied sports program throughout the year. It sponsors a series of tournaments in field hockey, basketball, and badminton; and individual competitions in golf, horseback riding, swimming, tennis, bowling, table tennis, and archery. Camping and other outing activities round out the program. All women of the College are automatically members of the organization. Class numerals are awarded to women who have earned two hundred points, and a block letter K is awarded to those who have earned nine hundred points.

Director, Miss Bielefeldt.

## SPEECH ACTIVITIES

#### THE THEATER

The Knox Theater Group is the working organization which produces all the plays given during the season. A student making the cast or crew of one of the four full-length plays given during the year automatically becomes a member of the Theater Group. Any student is eligible to tryout for the cast or crew of any play, provided that he maintains a scholastic average of C or better. All plays are cast by the Director after open tryouts on the stage. In addition to the four major productions, there are occasional programs of student-directed one-act plays which serve as a vehicle for the less experienced performer.

Director, Mr. Currie.

#### DEBATE

There has always been an active debate group on campus. We are especially proud of the fact that Knox has been a pioneer in forensic activities—that the first recorded intercollegiate debate, for instance, took place between Knox and Beloit in 1862. Each fall there is a series of intramural debates open to all men and women. The more successful participants are then eligible for the intercollegiate teams, and debates with other colleges.

Coach, Professor Donnelly.

## • MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Whether you are a participant or just an auditor, the Music Department provides enjoyment for everyone on campus. If you are interested in participating, contact the conductor or director.

#### BAND

The Knox College Band is open to all students who have had previous band experience. Several public concerts are given during the year. Rehearsals are held twice a week.

Conductor, Professor G. Wilson.

#### CHOIR

The Knox College Choir is open to all qualified students. Tryout announcements will be posted early each quarter. The choir makes frequent appearances during the year, both on and off campus. Rehearsals are held Tuesday through Friday at one o'clock, in Beecher Chapel.

Director, Professor Williams.

#### SINFONIETTA

The Knox College Sinfonietta is open to all qualified players of orchestral instruments. Several public concerts are given during the year.

Conductor, Professor Baylor.

#### GNOS

GNOS is a musical organization for men, which was formed in 1949. All men who like to sing and who are willing to put in the time required for practice are welcome to the organization. (Incidentally, GNOS is 'song' spelled backwards.)

#### GNIS

GNIS is a musical organization for women, which was formed just last year. Their practice is held each Sunday afternoon and is open to all girls interested in singing and who are willing to give the necessary time. (Need we add that GNIS is 'sing' spelled backwards?)

#### SIGMA ALPHA IOTA

Sigma Alpha Iota is an international musical sorority founded in 1903. Its objectives are to uphold the highest ideals of musical education, to raise the standards of productive musical work among women students, to organize the social lives of its members as contributing factors to their education, and to adhere to the highest standards of American democracy. To be eligible to membership, you must be majoring in music, have faculty recommendations, and show high quality in scholarship and musical ability. The annual spring musicale is one of the most attractive events on the College calendar.

#### PHI BETA

Phi Beta is a national professional fraternity for women who are studying in the fields of music or speech. Its main objectives are to promote the best in music and speech, to live a life of service, and to seek and develop the highest type of womanhood. Phi Beta has always encouraged fine scholarship and performance, and tried to foster college spirit and loyalty. During the school term the Phi Betas also put on a musicale for the College.

## • OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

#### YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The aim of our Y.W.C.A. group is to make all Knox women integral parts of the Knox scene, and to promote friendship, co-operation, and the development of the individual. Opportunities for community service work, religious programs, social functions, and publicity work are available for all those women who are interested. Of particular importance is the Big-Little Sister program, whereby each girl new to Knox is given a Big Sister, drawn by the Y.W. from the upperclasswomen. She will be a girl who is sincerely interested in your happiness and success at Knox, and who will do everything possible to help you. Watch the bulletin boards for Y activities.

#### CAMPUS COMMISSION

The Campus Commission, a self-perpetuating group of three men and three women, stands ready to serve the College in whatever capacity it may be needed. Most particularly, it aids the Student Council, promotes certain charitable work, such as the World Student Service fund drive, consults with the faculty in the matter of choosing chapel workers, and in general makes itself useful to many worthwhile causes.

#### KNOX ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN STUDENTS

The K.A.W.S. has a large meaning in the lives of Knox women. Its chief purpose is to assist all the women students to live amicably together by stressing such traits as mutual consideration, friendliness, and the sharing of responsibility. Every girl automatically belongs to K.A.W.S., and is governed by its rules. The Executive Board is composed of thirteen women, representing all social sororities, the Indees, and the freshmen women. Aside from its executive functions it sponsors such social events as the Christmas Prom, and the quarterly faculty-student teas.

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The I.R.C. is an organization, affiliated with the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, designed to bring together those students who are particularly interested in such live issues of the day as local and national politics, the international scene, and other matters of comparable scope and importance. It serves as a focus for all such activities on the campus. It brings to the campus and entertains prominent speakers on world affairs. If you are interested in world affairs you are cordially invited to become a member and attend the meetings, held twice a month.

#### THE ADELPHI

The Adelphi is a literary society which has started its second century on the campus. Though its functions have varied from time to time, at present, the club is especially interested in fostering creative writing on the campus.

#### FRESHMAN COMMISSION

#### CHI ALPHA OMEGA

Chi Alpha Omega is a professional society for students planning to enter the Christian ministry or Christian social service. The Knox chapter occasionally participates in chapel services, and conducts vespers and certain off-campus religious programs.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUBS

German, French, and Spanish students have formed their respective clubs which present a variety of interesting programs. Their main objective is to improve their conversation in each of the languages. Those students who are interested in foreign languages are welcome at their meetings.

#### ORCHESIS

Orchesis is the modern dance group on campus. Each spring they present their dance concert of well-liked music and poetry combined with their original choregraphy. The notice of tryouts will be posted and those who are interested are urged to try out.

#### THUNDER-ON-THE-LEFT

The equestriennes at Knox belong to Thunder-on-the-Left. They ride as often as possible and sometimes have early morning breakfast rides. When it is possible, they present the horse show on Women's Day. Tryouts are held each spring.

#### PUDDLES-ON-THE-RIGHT

Puddles-on-the-Right is composed of girls who have an intense interest in synchronized swimming. They will be even more active in the future due to the opening of the Frank M. Lay natatorium. Tryouts will be held during winter quarter. The Freshman Commission is a group of freshman girls selected by the Y.W.C.A. during the winter quarter. This choice is made on the basis of democracy, scholarship, and potential leadership. The Commission serves as an auxiliary to the Y.W. Cabinet and as a recognition of outstanding freshman girls.

Girls elected to the Freshman Commission automatically constitute the Sophomore Commission the following year. The work continues that of the Freshman Commission.

#### FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Due to the decision last year to have deferred rush, formal rushing and pledging will take place during the first part of winter quarter for those freshmen and new students who have made at least a C average during fall quarter.

The national sororities on the campus are Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu, and Pi Beta Phi. The national fraternities are Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. Common interests of the sororities are coördinated by a delegate body, the Panhellenic Association. Similar interests of the fraternities are taken care of by the Interfraternity Council.

#### INDEES

The Knox Indees is an organization designed to give social, political, and athletic representation to all students who do not affiliate with Greek letter social fraternities. It sponsors teas, dances, all-college parties, and other functions.

## HONORARY SOCIETIES

#### РНІ ВЕТА КАРРА

Phi Beta Kappa is a national honorary scholastic fraternity. Student members are elected by the faculty on the basis of scholarship and general culture. Selections are made in the spring from the upper fourth of the senior class.

President, Professor Bumstead.

#### MORTAR BOARD

Mortar Board is a national honorary fraternity for senior women. The purpose of the organization is to recognize and unite those women who have attained a high scholastic standing, shown qualities of leadership, and generally distinguished themselves in service to the College.

#### THE FRIARS

The Friars is a local society for senior men, chosen in the spring of their junior year. Selections are based on scholarship, personality, leadership, and loyalty and devotion to the College.

#### THE KEY CLUB

The Key Club is a local honorary society for sophomore men. Selection is made by the Key Club on the basis of achievement during the freshman year, and the promise of further meritous activities.

#### SCABBARD AND BLADE

Scabbard and Blade is a national honorary military society. Members are chosen each year on the basis of scholarship and outstanding activity in the R.O.T.C.

#### CURTAIN CALL

Curtain Call is a local organization founded to honor those students who have done outstanding work in the theater either as players or as technical or administrative workers. New members are chosen by unanimous vote of the active chapter after the requirements have been met.

#### DELTA SIGMA RHO

Delta Sigma Rho is the oldest national honorary forensic society in existence. Membership is conferred upon those junior and senior students who have given outstanding performances in intercollegiate debate.

#### PI KAPPA LAMBDA

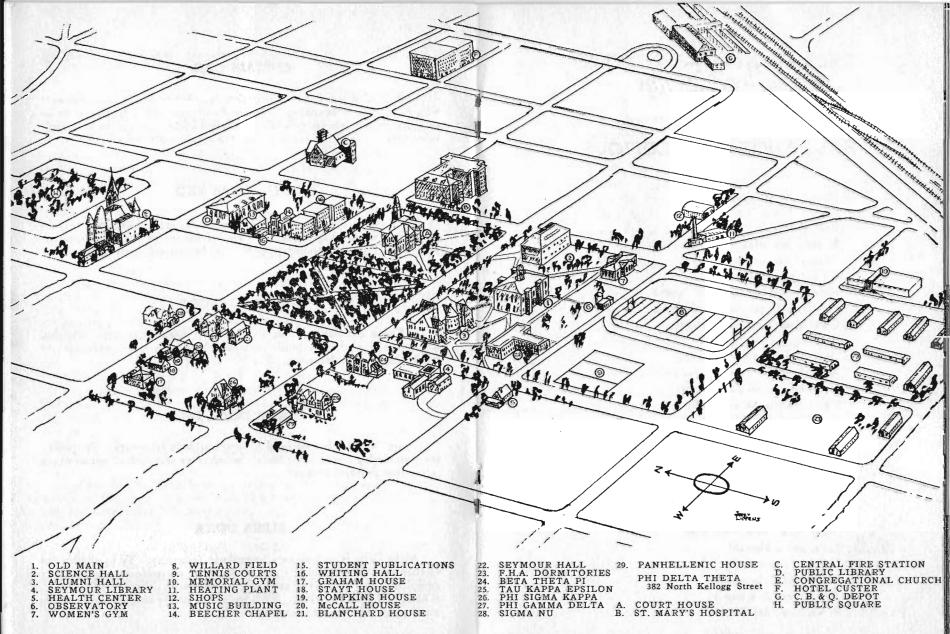
Pi Kappa Lambda is a national honorary music fraternity. Election is a recognition of those music students who have achieved excellence in scholarship and performance.

#### SIGMA DELTA PSI

Sigma Delta Psi is a national honorary athletic fraternity. To qualify for membership a man must meet a satisfactory standard of performance in thirteen different events.

#### ALPHA DELTA

Alpha Delta is an honorary journalistic fraternity. To be eligible for election into the fraternity, a person must have successfully and efficiently completed three quarters of collegiate journalism on either the STUDENT, GALE, or the SIWASHER. Each spring the active chapter initiates into membership all deserving journalists.



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## College Songs

## HAIL! KNOX ALL GLORIOUS

Hail, Knox all glorious Unto thee we sing. Ever victorious, Homage we bring. Through all the ages All thy sons so bold Fight for old Knox, Knox, Knox! Fight for the purple and the gold. Cheer Knox's team to victory, Shouting her loyal praise. Sing, all you loyal coeds-A battle hymn we raise-K-N-O-K, rah! We're here to back the winner; Our team has got the stuff; We wear the gold and purple For Knox men that is enough. We'll smash 'em, we'll bust 'em, We'll fox 'em, we'll win. Let's give 'em the axe, boys, We'll never give in, rah! rah! rah! Cheer Knox's team on We'll show them some vim. Let's give a zip-rah! Let's go, Knox, jump in! A zip-rah! A boom-rah! A Knox-ee! A Knox-i! A Knox! Knox! Knox!

## THE KNOX FOOTBALL SONG

Free sons of Knox are we. Staunch as a forest tree. Growing and tow'ring High over all the others. Come, let your voice ring out, To the world your praises shout, Loud let the echo Ring through all the land. Come and fight, fight, fight For the purple and gold, And for the team that's valiant and bold. Come and cheer, cheer, cheer For the spirit that's old, Let's give a Zip! Rah! Boom-Rah! For the purple and gold. So come and root, root, root, For the men of the team, And for the victory today! All hail our team! All hail our college, And the scenes of college days!



#### BONFIRE AND SNAKE DANCE

## Craditions

#### FRESHMAN WEEK

Boys: Becoming grass-green beanies must be sported by all freshman fellows from shortly after classes begin until Homecoming, or if your luck fails, until the quarter ends. These beanies are obligingly sold by the K Club members who issue strict instructions that said beanies adorn each owner's head from 8:00 to 5:00 every day except Sunday. Woe betide any freshmen men who violates this sacred rule!

When Homecoming and the freshman-sophomore bonfire contest arrives, the frosh will be given a chance to discard their caps. If the freshmen are able to defend the bonfire from the sophomores, they can throw their beanies away. If the sophomores light the fire, the beanies must be worn for the rest of the quarter.

Girls: "Glamour Week" begins for all freshmen women one month after school opens. It generally lasts three or four days during which time, the girls cannot wear makeup of any kind nor set their hair. The sophomore commission which sponsors glamour week specifies that all freshmen girls must wear green bows at all times from 7:30 to 9:00 each day as long as Glamour Week lasts and afterwards until the freshman boys stop wearing their beanies.

Typical highlights of this week of horrors for freshman women are big signs worn by each girl bearing pertinent information about her; a "clash day" when all girls are to wear clothes consisting of clashing plaids, dots, checks, and stripes in various sickening color combinations; a "rainy day," which is usually cheerfully sunny, when all the victims appear decked out in raincoats, boots, and umbrellas; and a "dress-up day" during which revolting combinations of bobby-socks, dressy clothing, jewelry, etc. are to be worn. Why, girls, don't turn pale; it's loads of fun, and besides there is a grand march at the end of the week after which prizes for the best outfits are awarded! Homecoming at Knox is a grand and glorious week-end, eagerly anticipated by the students on campus and the returning alumni and looked back on with happy if weary sighs when it is over. Never will you see so many strange faces around campus; never will you witness so much bustling activity and excitement as you find at a Knox Homecoming. Of course we cannot overlook the football game, the annual dance, the fraternity decorations, the Homecoming play, nor the banquet for the alumni; but Knox has several other events which are especially traditional on our own campus.

To ignite the spirit of Homecoming, we have a bonfire and pep rally followed by a snake dance on the evening before the game. Preceding the pep rally, the freshman men must guard the bonfire to prevent it from being lighted by the sophomores. Definite rules are set down for lighting and defending the bonfire; so don't worry, fellas, no incendiary bombs are allowed!

The pep rally includes rousing cheers and hilarious skits executed against the background of the flaming bonfire. Before the fire has a chance to fade to glowing embers, however, the snake dance begins and everyone joins in the long line which weaves or careens its way along the streets of Galesburg amid deafening cheers and shouts.

#### PUSHBALL GAME

Early on the morning following the bonfire, rally, and snake dance, the freshman men have a second chance to avenge themselves against the sophisticated sophomores for the hazing of the past few weeks—the annual pushball game. They say there are rules for this fracas, but somehow they're a bit difficult to observe. In the past years, the freshmen have emerged with more victories than the sophomores, and no freshman has yet been trampled in the rush for the ball. So, keep up your spirits, fellas!

#### THANKSGIVING

The Thanksgiving football game is reserved annually for a fierce contest with our arch rivals, the Scots of Monmouth. At this game the excitement, the cheering, the pennant-waving, and all those things which combine to make up school spirit are at their most frenzied height. Yes, the Knox-Monmouth game is easily the most important football event all season; the victor of this contest feels a certain satisfaction in that year's football regardless of conference standing. Rivalry between Knox and Monmouth began in our grandfather's day, and it is still as strong as ever. Moreover, to the school who emerges victorious from the Thanksgiving football bout goes the aged, extremely coveted bronze turkey.

To augment the essentially friendly spirit which must necessarily underlie good competition, a Knox-Monmouth dance, at which students from both schools mingle, laugh, and joke with one another precedes the game every year.

#### BRONZE TURKEY

Perhaps you'd like to know a little about that famous bird which is bestowed on the victor of the Thanksgiving game. He's an impressive little gobbler about 14 inches high composed of bronze and feathers. Long ago, he appeared as a presentation of the Galesburg Daily Register-Mail and the Monmouth Review-Atlas, but somehow he managed to disappear time after time from the victor school shortly after he had been awarded. Either our esteemed gobbler is feeling his age of late or he no longer cares to stroll, for during the past few years, he has reposed calmly and safely at the college to which he was awarded. He's true royalty, our bronze turkey, and worthy of every bit of your homage as the symbol of an important Knox tradition.

#### WHITING HALL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Candle-light transforms the familiar Whiting Hall dining room, lending it an atmosphere of shadowed elegance. Music pours from a hidden corner as if by sheer sorcery. A stately procession of faculty members and girls in formal dinner gowns enter the dining room and slowly settle themselves at the various tables. As a special dinner is served, the remarkably subdued conversation gives way to singing.

Suddenly the dinner is over, and the girls wander upstairs to the recreation room where "Santa" distributes presents to the faculty children. Where is the mad dash for the dining room at the familiar sound of the dinner bell? Where is the noisy chatter, the loud laughter, the conglomerate array of dinner costumes, the clamor for seconds, and the rush, rush of those with early dates? Well, these belong to every-day dinner hours, and the scene just described is our annual Christmas formal dinner at Whiting.

#### TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Every year the Student Council purchases a huge Christmas tree which is placed in the ground-floor alcove of Old Main. Various campus groups contribute ornaments, and eager volunteers decorate the tree until it is a blaze of sparkling lights and trimmings.

At night-fall, all Knox students assemble around the steps of Old Main, and the tree is formally lighted. As this occurs, GNIS and GNOS choral groups, join together in carols sung from the second floor of Old Main. The songs resound in the brisk night air, and below, we Knoxites, stamping our feet and clapping our hands vigorously, soon join in to carol at the tops of our lungs. Soon, the tree-lighting ceremony is over, and our throng rushes pell-mell to the Gizmo to warm snow-numbed fingers and toes while drinking hot chocolate or steaming coffee.

#### SINGING IN WHITING

At dawn a day or two before Knox adjourns for the Christmas season, robed figures move softly along the halls of Whiting singing familiar, beloved Christmas carols. Doors are gently opened, and within each room, girls stir sleepily and smile or sit quietly up-right in their beds, listening in silence as they huddle in the chilly dawn.

The shadowy figures pass, and the caroling fades. At breakfast, a few of us confess that we remember the singing only as a distant, lovely dream. Others, who were more fully awake, chatter happily about the various songs and the familiar voices. What happened on that December dawn? Well, it's customary for the senior girls living in Whiting to carol through the halls in the early morning shortly before Christmas every year. This singing is an inspiring tradition and one that will linger in your thoughts for a long while.

But wait! It will never do to omit mention of the fact that we sing fraternity and campus songs in the dining room every Wednesday and Sunday. And, we'll venture to predict that no girl who attends Knox will ever forget the after-meal song fests in the smoker of Whiting!

#### FLUNK DAY

As the snow starts to melt toward the end of winter and the first robin appears, Knox College begins to plan and speculate on Flunk Day. This celebrated occasion, despite its ominous name, is a day to which everyone looks forward with eager anticipation. Flunk Day means that classes are dismissed and the whole college is treated to a free movie at the "Orph" in the morning, after which we crowd into buses or cars and speed out to Lake Storey where picnic lunches, water sports, and baseball games are on the agenda.

When is Flunk Day? Well, that's the question. Only one person at Knox knows for certain—the President of the Student Council—and try to pry it out of him? But early some morning in the spring you'll be rudely awakened by a blaring loudspeaker or suddenly informed in some other subtle and mysterious manner that "Today is Flunk Day!" Then the fun begins!

#### WOMEN'S DAY

Women's Day weekend is probably an old story to many of you freshman women who attended last year's introduction of Susie Siwash to the "thrills and spills" of college life. The purpose of Women's Day at Knox is to permit the next year's freshman girls to become acquainted with life in the Knox family. Tours of the campus and buildings, a water show or gymkhana, an Orchesis demonstration, as well as a variety show and fashion parade, an evening at the theatre, are all included in this funpacked weekend at Knox. A garden supper is served in Whiting Hall gardens, and each girl who attends is assigned to one of the dormitory rooms so that she may sample Whiting Hall life. Women's Day on the Knox campus has become a tradition that we all enjoy planning and working for from the time we elect our Women's Day chairman and she appoints her committees until the last weary, but we hope enthused, incoming freshman girl is bid farewell at the train station. We hope you freshman women as genuine Susie Siwashers now will participate as enthusiastically in Women's Day as you did last year as high school seniors.

#### FOUNDER'S DAY

Knox College was founded in 1837 by George Washington Gale, Sylvanus Ferris, and Nehemiah West under the name of Knox Manual Labor College although it was not until 1841 that its doors were opened to students. Manual Labor, designed to enable students to pay their way, was soon dropped from the college name.

Now, well past its centennial, the College celebrates Founder's Day every February 15th. Annally, slides depicting the rich history of Knox since its founding are shown to all students on this day, accompanied by a lecture. Last Founder's Day, a special Dinner was served to all juniors and seniors at which time President Umbeck outlined the plans for new buildings at Knox in the next ten years. Undoubtedly, if you haven't learned of these plans already, you'll soon know of the beautiful new dormitories to be built for both men and women; the spacious new Fine Arts building; and many other improvements that will soon be under way.

#### CANNON

#### CAMPUS SING

The advent of spring brings many new activities to our campus, and one of the most important is the Campus Sing. From the frat houses, the dorms, and the music buildings pours a harmony or discord of many voices, as the various sororities and fraternities practice for the Sing. On the evening appointed for the Campus Sing the members of the different social clubs assemble in groups behind Old Main, or, if a storm threatens, in Beecher Chapel. As the Sing is non-competitive, applause and laughter are the only rewards for our respective efforts, but these are plentiful. And true to the old saw—a good time is had by all!

#### DAD'S AND MOM'S DAYS

Every year Old Siwash reserves a football date and a day in the spring during which our long-suffering dads and mothers are respectively entertained as special guests on the campus.

The feature event of Dad's Day is a football game which all dads attend with their sons or daughters and at which the dads of the Knox football players are especially honored by being seated with the team inside the field enclosure. Immediately following the game, a reception is held at Seymour Hall to which all parents, faculty members, and students are invited for coffee and doughnuts served by the members of Mortar Board. Most of the fraternities hold open houses each Dad's Day, as does Whiting Hall, and some of the frats as well as the sororities entertain their parents at special breakfasts or buffets.

On Mother's Day in the spring our mothers are entertained as fully as the dads with fraternity and dormitory open houses, Mother's Day teas, programs, parties, or dinners. Familiar or unfamiliar with the Knox campus as you may be, it's difficult to overlook the cannon on the court house lawn. It's an impressive French-designed relic of the Spanish-American fracas, and though a bit weatherbeaten, it holds its years with dignity.

All Knox students hear at one time or another tales concerning this cannon's history. An anecdote often repeated relates that the cannon was at one time filled with refuse and fired at Whiting Hall by a group of campus pranksters. The authenticity of this action is beyond confirmation; still, it is significant that today the firing piece is securely plugged.

On the portion of the courthouse lawn opposite the cannon stands Mother Bickerdyke who has an equally fascinating, if not richer, history. But hers is not a tale for this hand-book.

#### BENJIE AND AL

Two of our finest Knox traditions are Al Johnson and Benjamin Christianson, the day and night caretakers and chargès d' affaires at Whiting. Al, who accomplishes his tasks by daylight, has been at his post for a quarter of a century, and he wears a perpetual grin which may result from patient endurance of collegiate female foibles but seems genuinely chivalrous. It is Al who fixes our broken blinds, replaces our burned-out lights, installs our vital tooth-paste holders or soap trays. When something jams, breaks, or falls down, it is Al to whom we turn to remedy the situation. Also at vacation times and upon your arrival and departure from Knox between quarters it is Al who faithfully transports your luggage from your room to the ground floor or vice versa. Yes, indeed, you can count on Al.

And you can count equally on Benjamin Christianson, always called Benjie, the man who watches over us by night. Benjie is an individual to be held in awe and reverence, for he is Grand Keeper of the Date Jerks. That is, a girl coming in from a date must sign in under Benjie's sharp eyes and it is he who determines whether or not she is to receive those dreaded late-minutes leading inevitably to that all-time calamity—a date jerk. But this is not Benjie's only task. He also delivers the evening mail, provides nickels for the coke machine, and answers many phone calls. So, although you will see him most frequently on his private throne in Whiting's reception hall where his reign is absolute and uncontestable, don't think for a moment that his work ends when every girl is safely back in Whiting. You see, after this occurs, King Benjie descends to the smoker for his nightly ritual of sweeping that vast domain. When exam week comes around, if you are studying in the smoker with a desperate expression, and it's very late, Benjie will often take pity on your forlorn figure and brew you a cup of coffee.

Like Al, Benjie has been at his post almost 25 years, and both he and Al know all the girls by name to say nothing of many of their current love and homework difficulties with which they sympathize without fail. No, Whiting would never be the same without Al and Benjie.

#### FRAT SERENADES

At intervals, all too infrequent, during the year, one or another of the fraternities at Knox becomes inspired with the idea of serenading the girls of Whiting or the outside houses. These serenades are allowed to take place only on specified nights; but although the frat brothers endeavor to keep their serenades somewhat of a surprise, the news of a possible serenade travels swiftly via feminine grape-vine. Consequently, when the frat men assemble outside Whiting or one of the other dorms, windows are rapidly flung open and lights snapped off so quickly that long before the final bars of the first song fade, girls in all manner of attire may be found leaning from the windows and applauding heartily.

Serenades are over too quickly as far as the Knox coeds are concerned. As it is, we must be content with the rather erratic offering of small groups of spontaneous, would-be vocalists who frequently amble past in the evenings.



#### GRIEG-POST FOUNDATION

In 1938, Mrs. Philip S. Post of the Class of 1894, trustee and former Dean of Women, gave to the College a generous endowment, specifying that the interest was to be used for a series of adventures in the arts. Since that time, the Grieg-Post Foundation has enriched campus life with many versatile and stimulating programs including Cornelia Otis Skinner, the Graff Ballet, the Roth String Quartet, recitals by Marcel Dupre, Lionel Novak, Henry Cowell, Carl Sandburg, and many others.

#### JOHN HUSTON FINLEY LECTURES

A group of old friends, pupils, and colleagues have sought to commemorate the late John Huston Finley, alumnus, and in the 1890's president of Knox College, later president of New York City College, and eventually editor of the New York *Times*. The interest from the funds already contributed is used annually to bring to the campus lecturers such as William Allen White, Alexander Kerensky, Pearl Buck, Maurice Hindus, Walter Duranty, and Raymond Swing.

#### GALESBURG CIVIC MUSIC

Every year the Civic Music Association of Galesburg makes is possible for Knox students to attend, at a small fee, a series of four outstanding concerts by visiting musicians of world fame which it sponsors.

#### WILLIAM LINCOLN HONNOLD LECTURESHIP

In March, 1928, Mr. William Lincoln Honnold of Los Angeles, California, a student in Knox Academy in 1886-87, established a resident lectureship to run for three or more weeks each year. The only condition made was that the lectures treat subjects of current value and that the lecturers be persons of wide experience and high standing, preferably from outside the academic world. Past holders of the lectureship have included: Louis Untermeyer, Christopher Morley, André Maurois, and Rockwell Kent.

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- CALENDAR College-Miss Strickland (president's secretary). Social-Dean Willhite's office.
- CHAPEL Nine o'clock each Wednesday morning at Beecher Chapel, Central Church, or the Theater. Watch the STUDENT and bulletin boards.
- CHAPERONES See Dean Smythe.

CHURCHES List on the Old Main bulletin board.

CREDITS AND STANDING Registrar's Office.

- CUTS Men—Dean of Students. Women—Dean of Women. Illness—Health Center.
- DEBATE See Mr. Donnelly.
- DORMITORY GUESTS Weekends only, except for mothers. Look in the KAWS and WHC handbooks.

EMERGENCIES Call Dean Smythe or Dean Willhite.

EMPLOYMENT (part time) Mr. John L. Johnson.

FACULTY CONSULTATIONS Arrange time with individual members. Offices listed on the Faculty bulletin board.

GI INFORMATION See Dean Willhite.

ILLNESS Go to the Health Center.

- LIBRARY ROOMS AND FILES See Mr. Richards (librarian).
- LOANS AND STUDENT AID Mr. John L. Johnson.

MIMEOGRAPHING See the Faculty Secretary.

PLAYS Watch the bulletin boards and see Mr. Currie.

PROBATION Freshmen and Sophomores—see Dean Willhite. Juniors and Seniors—see Dean Peake.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT See Mrs. Sutherland (business manager's secretary).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES Refer to the catalog.

SERENADES See Dean Smythe, one week in advance.

VOCATIONAL INFORMATION Counseling Center-see Dr. Norton.

### GLOSSARY

- Adelphi: the big room on the second floor on the right hand side of the theater building. Think you can find it?
- bells: here are a few of the various and sundry noises you'll hear during the day—
  - 1. Old Main-rings at 10 minutes till the hour, on the hour, and when we win a football game or an out-of-town basketball game.
  - 2. Buzzers-in Whiting Hall each room is equipped with a buzzer that announces telephone calls, visitors, or special delivery letters.
  - 3. Court House clock-strikes every hour.
  - 4. Factory whistles-blow loud and long at 12 noon, 4:00, and 8:00.
  - 5. Cow bell—"Al" wakes the Whiting Hall ladies by ringing his bell at 20 minutes to 7 every school day morning.
  - 6. Church chimes-ring at 6:00 a. m. and 12 noon.
- *blue books:* by the time you leave Knox you may grow to dislike the color blue. Blue books are handed out for us to write exam answers in and you'll probably use them quite often.
- board job: some of us work in Whiting or Seymour kitchens to pay for our meals.
- Bower's: the drug store on the corner of Cherry and Simmons streets which has been "adopted" by Knox students. You can run down there to buy a 3c stamp or a box of soap, cash a check, or mail your laundry case home.

- bulletin board: there's one in Old Main, one in the Gizmo, and one in Whiting. You'd better check them each day for campus activities and use them yourselves if you have something for the public eye.
- *bull session:* you'll be involved in one of these things some night when you're sitting in the dorm talking about anything from love troubles to the world political situation.
- call board: if you're interested in the theater, you should keep in touch with its happenings (rehearsals, try outs, make-up schedules, etc.) via the call board which is located just outside the theater auditorium.
- Chapel: on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 the Knox student body convenes at either the theater, Beecher Chael or the Congregational Church. The program usually consists of a speaker, a concert or a film.
- Chapel slips: each week at Chapel we sign our names to slips of white paper passed out to us. This is to check on the attendance.
- Common Room: it's on second floor in Old Main (you can't miss it). It's used for teas, counselor meetings, studying, etc. and it's usually mobbed for the 10 minutes between classes.
- cuts: slang for the three unexcused absences we are allowed per class per quarter. Watch out for that fourth cut!
- *cut notices:* you'll get a white one via the mailboard when you've cut a class twice and a pink one after the third unexcused absence.
- date jerk: ten late minutes and Suzie Siwash gets one of these on the week-end night of her choice. That means coming in at 8:00 and no male visitors.
- 8 o'clocks: when you have an 8:00 you'll know it! It's when the first classes of the day meet.
- Geep: G.P. (short for Goal Post) is located next to Blanchard House. Good for meeting, eating, playing bridge, or just plain loafing.
- Gizmo: otherwise known as the Student Union or Hearth. It's located under the theater and houses the book store, mailboard, soda fountain, etc.—the perfect place for an "inbetween classes" coke.

- Indees: short for Independents, an organized group of students who don't desire Greek letter affiliation.
- *lab:* short for laboratory—a period of two hours occurring several times a week for work in such courses as chemistry, biology, physics, psychology, and art.
- late minutes: what all we Knox coeds get when we come in after the "witching hour."
- Linc. Lect.: Lincoln Lectures, a special course in American history open only to juniors and seniors.
- mail board: there are two mail boards on campus. One for the students in the book store and one for faculty members in the faculty room.
- Mother Bickerdyke: when you see the statue on the Court House lawn, just ask one of the upperclassmen for an explanation. There's quite a tradition connected with the gentle lady.
- Natatorium: you may not be able to pronounce it but at least when you see it written you'll know that it refers to our new swimming pool in the Memorial Gym.
- nicknames: fraternities and sororities: Alpha Zi—Alpha Xi Delta; DZ—Delta Zeta; Tri Delt—Delta Delta Delta; Pi Phi—Pi Beta Phi; Beta—Beta Theta Pi; Phis or Phi Delt—Phi Delta Theta; Phi Gam or Fiji—Phi Gamma Delta; Phi Sig—Phi Sigma Kappa; Teke—Tau Kappa Epsilon; Phi Mu and Sigma Nu have no nickname. courses: Soc.—Sociology; Econ.—Economics; Psych.—Psychology; Poli. Sci.—Political Science; R.O.T.C.—on Monday afternoons, look over at the football field. You will see it covered with boys in khaki, marching and drilling like crazy. These young men are in the Reserve Officers Training Corps which is sometimes called 'Rotsy' for short.
- one o'clocks: some Friday or Saturday night when you have an occasion to stay out later than 12:00, you can sign out and come in at 1:00. Freshmen can have this once a month, sophomores twice a month, etc.
- overnight: this is the privilege that dorm girls have to spend the night with friends in town on a Friday or Saturday night. Freshmen and sophomores get one; juniors and seniors get two.

- *pickle:* to all Knoxites this blunt term refers to the situation occurring when the love life of some individual is shattered. When Suzie Siwash's boy friend doesn't date her any longer, we say he has given her the "pickle."
- *pinned:* in general we use the term "pinned" when a fellow gives his girl his fraternity pin to wear.
- pop quiz: an unannounced quiz, which can ruin a perfectly good average.
- *quiz:* a little test that professors like to give—generally unannounced. They occur most frequently when you're not prepared or you've taken your first cut.
- review session: a session held before an exam when the professor will gather some of his class together to review the course.
- shacks: if you'll look to the south end of campus you'll see rows of buildings which provide living quarters for some of the fellows and the married students. These are fondly known as 'the shacks.'
- Sirens: a group of enthusiastic females who have organized to encourage pep and school spirit at sports events.
- Siwash: the fond nickname by which Knox College is known. The name has become so famous that the typical small college is sometimes called "Old Siwash."
- spread: this phenomena occurs most often among the girls. It's a bull session with food.
- T.B.A.: "to be arranged." These initials follow a course on the schedule sheet when there has been no special time assigned for the class to meet.
- Tyrants: a group of Knox men who are engaged in the same sort of activity as the Sirens.
- Willard Bowl: don't look for a hot-dog stand or stadium when you hear of this place. It's just the impressive name we've given our foot-ball field.
- women's outside houses: McCall House, Grace Stayt House, Graham House. These white houses are located down the street from Whiting and house from 12-19 girls in each.

